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# LETTER DATED 15 APRIL 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Upon instructions from my Government and further to my letter of 12 April 1991 (S/22490), I have the honour to inform that Iraqi violations of the terms of cease-fire and agreements between the two countries are becoming increasingly more serious and in fact quite dangerous. Shelling the territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran, concentration of military personnel at the international borders, and extending support and encouragement to certain elements to launch military operations against the Islamic Republic of Iran from Iraqi territory were among provocative acts the Iraqi military committed during the past three weeks. Such violations have now turned to downright aggression and occupation of the territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran in northern Ghasr-e-Shirin.

Yesterday, 14 April 1991, one Iraqi brigade crossed the international border and made an incursion into the territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran in northern Ghasr-e-Shirin, at Tang Havan (Sutak post) across from Tazeh Abad. The Iraqi brigade occupied an area 3 kilometres deep inside the territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

The Foreign Ministry of the Islamic Republic of Iran has strongly protested to the Government of Iraq for this dangerous violation. Note No. 598/4216 dated 15 April 1991 to that effect, addressed to the Embassy of the Republic of Iraq is herewith annexed.

The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran calls for an immediate withdrawal of all Iraqi forces from the territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran and it cannot but hold the Government of Iraq solely responsible for both losses of life, material damages and all repercussions of this aggressive act. Under the current circumstances, the Iraqi Government is best advised to find a solution other than creation of an external enemy to face up with her internal turmoil.

It would be highly appreciated if this letter and its annex were circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Kamal KHARRAZI
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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Annex

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran presenting its compliments herewith informs:

Following the numerous violations of the terms of the cease-fire and bilateral agreements between the two countries by Iraqi forces during past three weeks, including shelling parts of territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran, concentration of Iraqi military forces behind the international boundaries, embarking on hit and run operations as well as military actions by elements supported by Iraqi Government - some of whose details have been transmitted to that Embassy in previous notes of this Ministry - giving rise to the prediction that these measures were a prelude to another aggression against the territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran, on 14 April 1991, a brigade of Iraqi forces crossing over the international borders of the two countries in the region of north of Ghasr-e-Shirin in Tang Havan (Sutak border post) across Tazeh Abad embarked on a new military aggression against the Islamic Republic of Iran, occupying an area 3 kilometres deep inside Iranian territory.

The Islamic Republic of Iran strongly protesting this hostile act of the Government of the Republic of Iraq calls for the immediate and unconditional withdrawal of all Iraqi forces from the territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran and holds the Government of Iraq fully responsible for all casualties and damages as well as the grave consequences of this aggression.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran avails itself of this opportunity to renew its highest consideration.

Hoping for the victory of the oppressed over the oppressors,

Ministry of Foreign Affairs
of the Islamic Republic of Iran

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